

**Civil Misc. Writ Petition No. 453 (M.B) of 2001
(Old No. 47660/2000)**

Hira Ballabh Bhatt and 19 others Petitioners

Versus

State of U.P. and others Respondents

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Hon. A.A. Desai, C.J.
Hon. P.C. Verma, J.

The petitioner has prayed for a writ of mandamus commanding the respondent no. 1 to pass appropriate orders regarding conferring of owner-ship rights on the petitioners in respect of the houses belonging to the erstwhile Colonisation Department situated in village Rampura, Rudrapura, Tahsil Kitcha, Distt. Udham Singh Nagar on the basis of proposal submitted by the Board of Revenue vide letters dated 2.6.1990 and 3.2.1996 and also in the light of the policy decisions taken by the State Government in the Government orders dated 6.8.1995, 22.11.1996 and 29.6.2000.

The relief is sought against the erstwhile state of Uttar Pradesh. Now the decision is to be taken by the State of Uttaranchal. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, we direct the state of Uttaranchal to take appropriate decision independently in the matter of settlement of the rights of the petitioner within a reasonable time, preferably within a period of six weeks from the date of presentation of certified copy of this order. The petitioner shall approach the State of Uttaranchal within a period of 15 days alongwith certified copy of this order.

(A.A. Desai, C.J.)
(P.C. Verma, J.)

Dt. 25.06.2001
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